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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS AT
CHARTER OAK STATE COLLEGE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10a-143 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2009*):

4 (c) There shall continue to be a Board for State Academic Awards
5 which shall be an independent constituent unit of the state system of
6 higher education with authority to grant undergraduate and graduate
7 credits and degrees and a Master of Science in Organizational
8 Effectiveness degree on the basis of examinations and other forms of
9 evaluation and validation of learning, including transfer of credit and
10 completion of curriculum developed by the board. Said board is
11 authorized to use the term "Charter Oak State College" on diplomas
12 and other documents and utterances to affirm the status of the board
13 as a degree-granting institution of higher education. It shall be the
14 responsibility of the board to serve the interest of all Connecticut
15 residents by providing open access to academic credentials which are

16 based on a consensus of professional judgment. The purpose of such
17 credentials shall be to identify and give recognition to higher learning
18 acquired by individuals through independent study, work experience
19 and programs of noncollegiate educational activity.

20 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 10a-143 of the general statutes is
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
22 *1, 2009*):

23 (e) (1) The Board for State Academic Awards shall develop and
24 implement programs to improve opportunities in higher education
25 through alternative modes of service, including, but not limited to,
26 guidance and information services, registration and validation
27 services, examination and degree-granting services, technological
28 delivery systems, and projects of research and development. With
29 respect to its own operation the board may appoint and remove an
30 executive director, who shall be the chief academic and administrative
31 officer, and a professional academic staff. The board may determine
32 the size of the academic staff and the duties, terms, and conditions of
33 employment of said director and staff subject to personnel guidelines
34 established by the Board of Governors of Higher Education in
35 consultation with the Board for State Academic Awards. The board
36 shall establish through appointments on an adjunct basis a faculty of
37 consulting examiners to make recommendations as to requirements
38 and standards of the board's programs and to make recommendations
39 for the award of academic undergraduate and graduate credits and
40 degrees. Persons serving as members of the faculty of consulting
41 examiners shall have appropriate professional qualifications as
42 determined by the board and may hold professional appointments in
43 active status at accredited institutions of postsecondary or higher
44 learning. Within the limit of appropriations, the board shall fix the
45 compensation of persons serving with adjunct appointment as
46 members of the faculty of consulting examiners. The board shall confer
47 such undergraduate and graduate certificates and degrees as are
48 appropriate to programs of postsecondary and higher learning and in

49 accordance with the recommendations of the board's faculty of
50 consulting examiners on the basis of examinations and other forms of
51 validation and evaluation of learning, including transfer of credit, and
52 completion of curriculum developed by the board. The board shall
53 assist public institutions of higher education in establishing and
54 implementing procedures to award college credits pursuant to
55 subsection (a) of this section.

56 (2) The Board for State Academic Awards shall develop a mission
57 statement which shall include, but not be limited to, the following
58 elements: (A) The educational needs of, and constituencies served by
59 the board; (B) the degrees offered by the board; and (C) the role and
60 scope of the programs offered by the board. The board shall submit the
61 mission statement to the Board of Governors of Higher Education for
62 review and approval in accordance with the provisions of section 10a-
63 6.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	10a-143(c)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10a-143(e)

Statement of Purpose:

To allow Charter Oak State College to offer a graduate degree program in Organizational Effectiveness and award a Master of Science in Organizational Effectiveness degree.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]